

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An air suction device for a surface boat ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a filter element that is composed of paper type and that is arranged in an air suction passage of an engine, wherein the filter element is composed of a) a core made of a filter material and b) a permeable waterproof sheet arranged at ~~the~~ an upstream side surface of the core in the air suction passage.

2. (Currently Amended) An air suction device for a surface boat ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a filter element that is composed of paper type and that is arranged in an air suction passage of an engine, wherein the filter element is composed of a) a core made of a filter material and b) permeable waterproof sheets arranged at ~~the~~ upstream and downstream sides of the core in the air suction passage.

3. (Currently Amended) An air suction device for a surface boat characterized by comprising:

an air suction box for communicating an air suction pipe of an engine with an air suction cylinder,

a filter element that is composed of paper type and that is arranged between the air suction pipe and the air suction cylinder in the air suction box, and

a buffer room of a large capacity formed between the air suction pipe and the filter element, wherein the filter element is composed of a) a core made of a filter material and b) a permeable waterproof sheet arranged at the ~~the~~ an upstream side surface of the core in the air suction box.

4. (Currently Amended) An air suction device for a surface boat characterized by comprising:

an air suction box for communicating an air suction pipe of an engine with an air suction cylinder,

a filter element that is composed of paper type and that is arranged between the air suction pipe and the air suction cylinder in the air suction box, and

a buffer room of a large capacity formed between the air suction pipe and the filter element, wherein the filter element is composed of a) a core made of a filter material and b)

permeable waterproof sheets arranged at the upstream and downstream sides of the core in the air suction box.

Please add new claims 5-8 as follows:

5. (New) The air suction device according to claim 1, wherein the core is made from a non-woven material.

6. (New) The air suction device according to claim 2, wherein the core is made from a non-woven material.

7. (New) The air suction device according to claim 3, wherein the core is made from a non-woven material.

8. (New) The air suction device according to claim 4, wherein the core is made from a non-woven material.